## **AMENDMENTS**

## In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus system for operating and/or observing automation components, comprising a plurality of automation components each comprising a wireless transceiver, a communication device for wireless data communication with the transceivers of the automation components, and including a data processing device for processing data received and to be transmitted, wherein the apparatus is selected from the group consisting of a mobile radio telephone, a personal digital assistant and a portable computer the data processing device is used to evaluate the data received from the automation components with regard to a spatial distance of said automation component from a location of the apparatus, whereby a nearest automation component may be detected, wherein the system further comprises a visualization device for visualizing automation components which are in data communication with the apparatus using symbols uniquely assigned to the automation components, wherein the nearest automation component is visualized by predetermined symbols or highlighting.

- 2. (Canceled).
- 3. (Canceled).
- 4. (Canceled).
- 5. (Currently Amended) The <u>system apparatus</u>-according to claim 1, wherein multimedia messages can be processed and transmitted via the data processing device.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The <u>system apparatus</u>-according to claim 1, further comprising an authorization device for acquiring operator identification information from an operator to establish authorization to operate the automation components.

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- 7. (Currently Amended) The <u>system apparatus</u> according to claim 6, wherein the authorization device can send operator unit identification information to the automation components and/or to external servers.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The <u>system apparatus</u>-according to claim 7, wherein the operator identification information can be acquired from a password, a PIN, a dongle, a memory card and/or a fingerprint.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The <u>system\_apparatus</u>-according to claim 1, wherein the data processing device is used to call up and/or process workflows for commissioning, converting and/or servicing the automation components and/or an external server.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The <u>system\_apparatus</u>-according to claim 9, further comprising a display device for optically guiding an operator when processing a workflow.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The <u>system apparatus</u> according to claim 9—and—10, further comprising an input/output device for controlling and/or processing a workflow by the operator.
- 12. (Currently Amended) A method for operating and/or observing a system of automation components comprising the steps of:

  wirelessly communicating data to the automation components by a mobile device,

  processing the data received and to be transmitted to the automation components, and

  evaluating the data received from the automation components with regard to spatial distance of an automation component from an operating location such that a nearest automation component can be detected

  visualizing the automation components with which data communication exists via uniquely assigned symbols or texts, and

  visualizing the nearest automation component by predetermined symbols or highlighting.

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- 13. (Canceled).
- 14. (Canceled).
- 15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the data are for communicating and processing multimedia messages.
- 16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, further comprising acquiring operator identification information from an operator to establish authorization to operate the automation components.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 16, wherein communication comprises sending operator unit identification information to the automation components and/or to external servers such that the automation components and/or the external servers can check the authorization to operate.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 16—and—17, in which operator identification information is acquired from a password, a PIN, a dongle, a memory card and/or a fingerprint.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, further comprising calling up and/or processing workflows for commissioning, converting and/or servicing the automation components and/or an external server.
- 20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, further comprising optically guiding an operator when processing a workflow.
- 21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 19-and 20, wherein workflows are controlled and/or processed by an operator.

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22 (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, further comprising login the work steps carried out by operator.

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